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U.B. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1986, no persone are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid DMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 200-0500 in re Application of Dan Ondrus Filed Application Number 09/544,423 04/06/00 METHOD FOR FORMING A JOINT Examiner Group Art Unit Koch 1734 This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.196(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check (Ime period dealred): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$400~00 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee emount shown ebove is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$\_ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. am the applicant/Inventor assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3,71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/8B/96). attorney or agent of record. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) WARNING; information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Signature ohn G. Chupa Typed or printed name NOTE: Signatures of all the inventore or assigness of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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